

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

February 11, 2000 LB 922, 1004

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a straightforward bill, and I think we had some discussion here. I think everybody understands it. The commission, which we passed into place about five years ago, has made the recommendation, and that's the recommendation that I have to go by. I do appreciate Senator Chambers' story; we all learn from stories, and I appreciate his story that he gave to us. We learn, as we did back in the...our early years, in the first grade we sat around the teacher and we listened to the teacher explain things, that sticks with us. We all need to learn from our past and so on. Integrity, integrity, my final word here, of the judges is very important, as Senator Chambers alluded to. I guess we trust in the judges and that's where I'll stop. Exactly right, the integrity of judges, we need good judges for the sake that we need to have people's stories, we need to have people's cases listened to, we need to have people's cases listened to in their entirety, not swift them on through the system, you know, like cows through a pen. They need to be heard, they have that right to be heard, so we need good judges; we need an adequate number of judges, so the people can be heard. Thank you very much.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 922. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 922.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 922 does pass. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Excuse me, Mr. President. LB 1004, by Senator Engel and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of this year, referred to the Transportation Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM2239, Legislative Journal page 566.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Engel, to open on the bill, please.